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Recommendations and Problems

Monthly Reports for October 1959

MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

None reported.

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

✓ Although not serious at this time, it was necessary for the Division to increase the use of overtime in the Development and Construction Branch to keep current with high priority requirements. A portion of this overtime was allotted to the City Plans project.

EUROPE-AFRICA COMPILATION BRANCH

Scheduling seven maps for the same MR may cause priority problems next month.

DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION BRANCH

The Drafting Section is continuing its regular Saturday overtime in an effort to keep abreast of current production and to reduce the accumulated backlog of jobs.

GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

✓ The problem of obtaining aerial photography required for use on tight-deadline high-priority projects remains a troublesome one, complicated by the lack of clarity concerning the respective roles and responsibilities of Graphics Register, PIC, and USAF, plus the competition for priority service by reproduction laboratory facilities. The problem affects both the obtaining of retention prints and, to a lesser extent, the borrowing of loan prints.

A clarification of the relative roles of DPD and the DD/P Area Divisions in levying requirements on D/GG for operational support may be required. On a recent request for a Far East study that originated as a DPD requirement it soon became apparent that at least two of the area desks were involved, to the extent of making calls to inquire about progress, requesting additional copies over and above the original requirement, etc.

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GEOGRAPHY DIVISION (Cont'd)

✓ The lack of uniformity in the procedure for handling written commendations for ORR production became apparent during the month. If the responsible analyst is mentioned by name in the written commendation, a copy is placed in his St/A personnel folder. On the other hand, if only the report is mentioned, the commendation goes into the general ORR commendation file and no recognition is given the responsible individual. The identity of the responsible analyst could be ascertained with only slight effort, and both types of commendations could be handled.

EDITING AND REVIEW STAFF

The chief problem facing St/P/G is technical. Heretofore D/GG has made little use of multilithing in the reproduction of reports. The first full report multilithed was GR 59-21, Black Sea Coastal Areas of Bulgaria, Rumania, and the USSR. The results were highly unsatisfactory in part because the typists were not familiar with the process and in part because of the rush nature of the job. Efforts are being made to improve typing techniques.

COORDINATION STAFF

✓ The Chapter IX forecasts for FY's 1961-63 approved by the Chapter IX subcommittee on 24 August 1959 were discussed by the NIS Committee on 27 October 1959. The advisability of including NIS 25A, Gibraltar, on the 1961 forecast and the proportion of maintenance and new NIS Areas were questioned. The Chapter IX Subcommittee is to consider a substitution for NIS 25A, and OBI is to make a staff study of the maintenance situation as it pertains to the Chapter IX forecasts.